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GENERAL STRIKE COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL MORNING JAN 3. CENTRAL MARKET, MOST EUROPEAN BUSINESSES, ALL ADMINISTRATION, SCHOOLS, TELEPHONE, HOTELS CLOSED. AIRPORT, ELECTRIC POSER AND WATER FUNCTIONING . RADIO WEN T ON LATE. BROADCAST BRIEF MESSAGE STRIKE NOT EFFECTIVE AND SIXTY-FIVE PERCENITCIVIL SERVICE ON DUTY. TROOPS GUARDING ALL GOVT BUILDINGS AND STATIONED MAIN INTERSECTIONS TOWN.

PAGE TWO RUEHCR 006GP C O N F I D E N T I A L
GROUP SEVERAL THOUSAND HAS JUST MARCHED ON PRESIDENTIAL PALACE 8:30 A.M. LED BY UNIONISTS SHOUTING "ARMY TO POWER". TROOPS USED TEAR GAS ON CROWD. SOMS SHOTS FIRED. AIR RECONNAISSANCE BY MEMBER EMBASSY INDICATED NO CROWDS ASSEMBLING IN CITY OTHER THAN GROUP THAT APPROACHED PALACE. CROWD DISPERSED BY 9:00 BUT EXCITED

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GROUPS STILL CIRCULATING PALACE AREA. TALKED TO SEVERAL WHO SAID WERE MEMBERS UNION SYNDICALE DES TRAVACLLEURS VOLTAIQUES AND HAD NO EXPRESSED AIM OTHER THAN SEE ARMY IN POWER.

US PERSONNEL REMAINING AT HOMES. EIGHT VISITING PEACE CORPS HOPE RETURN GHANA LATER IN DAY IF FEASIBLE. NO OTHER US VITIZENS OUAGADOUGOU SAVE WIFE HOTEL OWNER AND FOUR MISSIONARIES.

GP-3. ROBERTS
BT

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